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Attention: E. Shirene Willis

Attached is a copy of our "Response to Decision on Applicant's Petition under 37 CFR Section 1.53(e) which was faxed to the USPTO on 2-25-04.

We await your Decision.

Sincerely

Stephen B. Deutsch Reg. No. 46,663

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1. Transmittal Form with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission (1 page);
2. Response to Decision on Applicant's Petition Under 37 C.F.R §1.53(e) (2 pages);
3. Copy of the Decision; (2 pages);
4. Copy of executed declaration; (1 page);
5. Copy of drawing sheets 3 and 4 showing Figures 5 and 6 (2 pages); and
6. This fax cover sheet (1 page).

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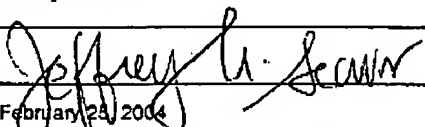
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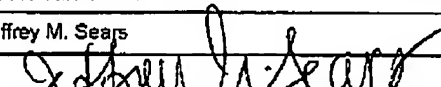
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In re Application of: Kevin Gordon, Jr.

Serial No.: 10/633,177

Filed: August 1, 2003

For: Systems and Methods for Welding of Parts)

Group Art Unit: 1734

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Attorney Docket No.: STE-023.01

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RESPONSE TO DECISION ON
APPLICANT'S PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(e)

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Response in reply to the Decision of the Office of Petitions dated February 5, 2004 on Applicant's Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(e).

The Decision states that Applicant's Petition is incomplete because Applicant did not provide a copy of the executed declaration and drawing sheets 3 and 4 showing Figs. 5 and 6. The Decision also states that the present application will be retained in the Office of Petitions until copies of the omitted items are submitted.

As requested by the Office of Petitions, Applicant herewith submits a copy of the omitted items, i.e., the executed declaration and drawings sheets 3 and 4 showing Figs. 5 and 6.

Applicant's Attorney does not believe that a fee or an extension of time is required for consideration of this Response. Should a fee and/or an extension of time be required, however, Applicant's Attorney hereby petitions for same and requests that the fee required for consideration be charged to **Deposit Account No. 06-1448, Reference STE-023.01.**

Further, Applicants' Attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference STE-023.01.**

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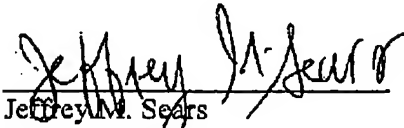
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Application No. 10/633,177
Filed: August 1, 2003
Attorney Docket No. STE-023.01 (18903-2301)
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR WELDING OF
PARTS

This is a decision on the petition filed November 13, 2003 requesting, in effect, withdrawal of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed October 30, 2003. The petition will be treated under 37 CFR 1.53(e).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e) is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.

The application was filed on August 1, 2003. On October 30, 2003, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a Notice informing petitioner that an executed declaration and figures 5 and 6 as described in the specification appeared to have been omitted.

In response to the Notice, petitioner filed the present petition. Petitioner desires figures 5 and 6 to be accorded a filing date of August 1, 2003 on the basis that 4 pages of informal drawings were received in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on August 1, 2003. In support, the petition is accompanied by a copy of applicant's itemized postcard receipt showing an Office of Initial Patent Examination generated barcode citing August 1, 2003 as the date of receipt. The postcard lists, *inter alia*, that the filing included 4 pages of informal drawings and an executed declaration. A review of the application file reveals that there is no declaration present and there are only 2 sheets of drawing figures present, depicting figures 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The return postcard constitutes *prima facie* evidence that an executed declaration and 4 sheets of drawing figures were filed on August 1, 2003. MPEP 503.

Unfortunately, the instant petition is incomplete. Petitioner has not provided a copy of the executed declaration. Petitioner has not provided a copy of drawing sheets 3 and 4. The application cannot undergo further processing without a copy of the executed declaration and drawing sheets 3 and 4.

The application file will be retained in the Office of Petitions until copies of the executed declaration and drawing sheets 3 and 4 are submitted. Once the omitted documents are submitted and the petition is granted, the \$130.00 petition fee submitted with the instant petition will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

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**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION
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As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☒ The attached application, or
- ☐ Application No. _____, filed on _____
- ☐ as amended on _____ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/ we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and

All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)Inventor one: Kevin Gordon Jr.Signature: [Signature] Citizen of: United States

Inventor two: _____

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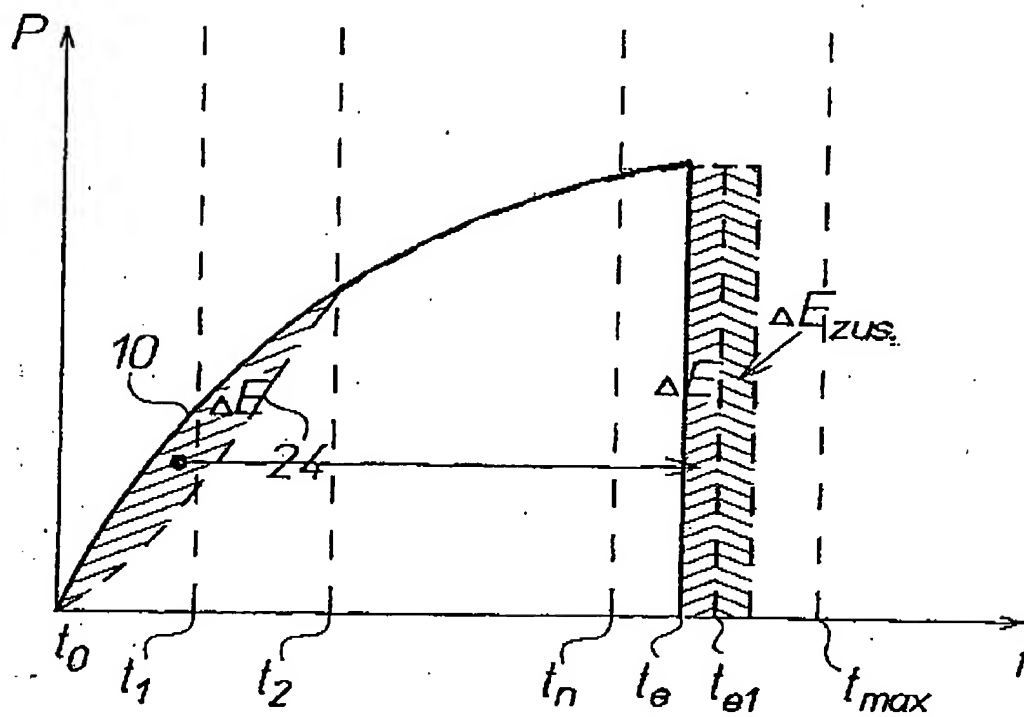


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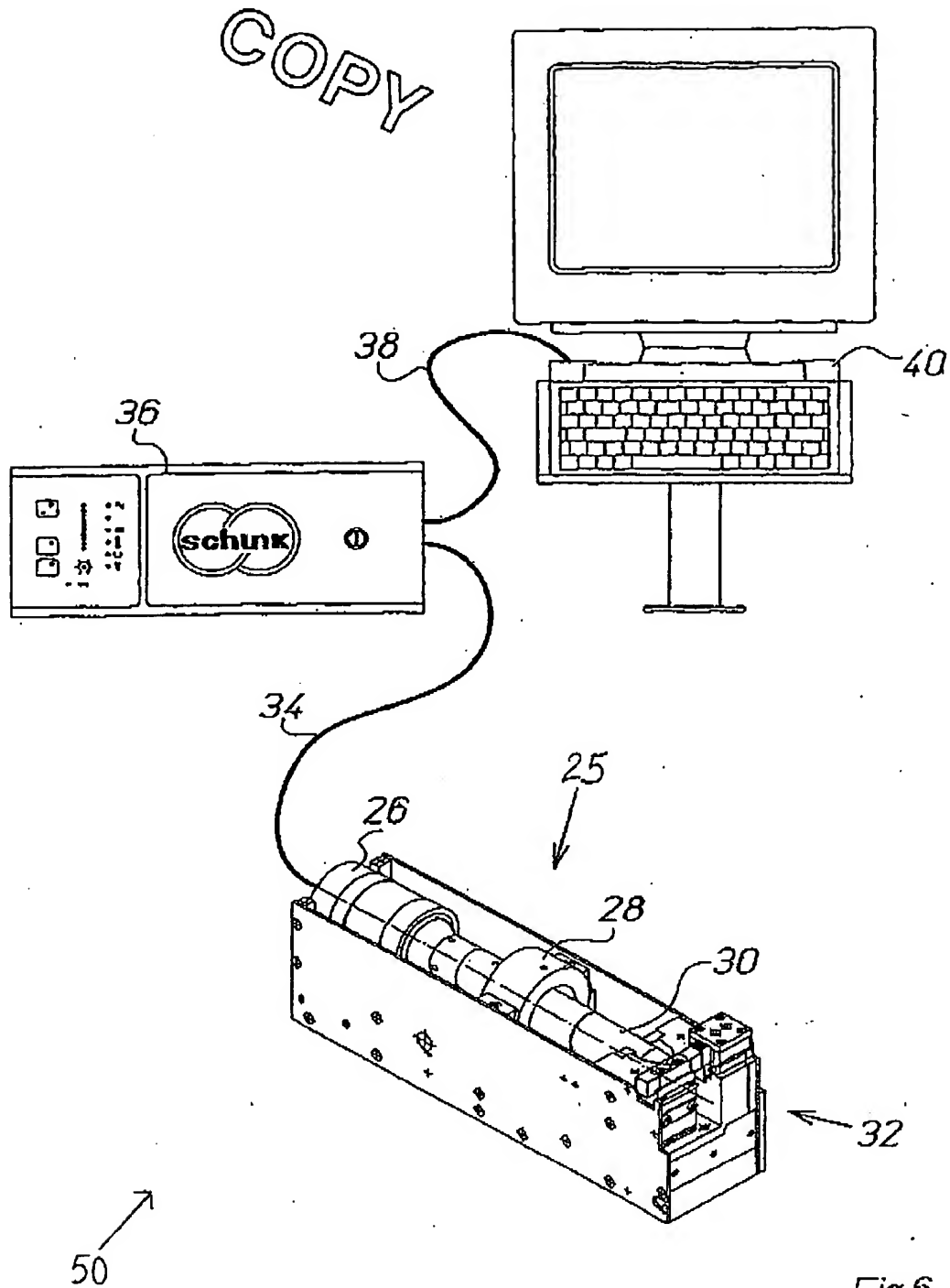


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